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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2 - 4, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 26 - 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 - 4, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 26 - 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner acknowledges the response filed July 24, 2009. After a review of the remarks, the finality of the previous action was withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 2 – 4, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 26 – 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Splett et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,599,242, cited by Applicant.

2. A method for storing and processing physiological mechanical data in a medical recording device, comprising:

sampling one or more physiological signals at a selected sampling rate (Column 9 lines 41 – 67);

deriving physiological parameter values from the sampled signal to obtain parameterized signal data at a rate lower than the selected sampling rate of the physiological signal (Column 11 lines 1 – 32);

storing the parameter values as they are determined in a temporary memory buffer for a predetermined storage interval (Column 12 lines 48 – 53);

determining a statistical aspect of the stored parameter values in the temporary buffer upon expiration of the storage interval (Column 13 lines 3 – 24); and

writing the statistical aspect as it is determined for a plurality of the predetermined storage intervals to a long-term memory buffer, the long-term memory buffer storing the statistical aspects for a long-term storage interval, the long-term memory buffer thereby storing statistical aspects having a temporal resolution of the parameter values corresponding to the predetermined storage interval of the temporary memory buffer, further comprising (Column 19 lines 26 – 53, column 20 lines 20 – 39):

allocating the temporary memory buffer into at least two different temporary memory buffers and programming a unique storage interval to each of the two different temporary memory buffers (Column 21 lines 24 – 62).

3. A method according to claim 2, further comprising allocating the long-term memory buffer into at least two different long-term memory buffers each having a unique temporal resolution, wherein the unique temporal resolution of each long-term memory buffer is determined by the predetermined storage interval of a respective one of the temporary memory buffers (Column 21 lines 24 – 67, column 22 lines 1 – 35).

4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the at least two long-term memory buffers comprise digital memory buffers (Column 21 lines 24 – 67, column 22 lines 1 – 35).

9. A method according to claim 3, wherein the unique temporal resolution comprises at least a one of: a coarse resolution having a relatively low temporal resolution, a medium resolution having a higher temporal resolution than said coarse resolution, and a fine resolution having the highest temporal resolution compared to said coarse resolution and said medium resolution (Column 23 lines 10 – 67, column 24 lines 1 – 9).

12. A method according to claim 9, wherein upon expiration of a predetermined storage interval or upon exceeding available memory storage of a given long-term storage buffer the following step is performed:

transferring a set of data comprising the statistical aspect or the stored parameter values from one of said fine resolution and said medium resolution to said coarse resolution and from said fine resolution to said medium resolution (Column 25 lines 28 – 57).

14. A method according to claim 9, further comprising:
allocating available memory for the stored parameters based at least in part upon a respective temporal resolution assigned to each of the stored parameters, wherein said respective temporal resolution comprise said coarse resolution, said medium resolution, said fine resolution (Column 30 lines 7 – 65).

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the allocating further comprises automatic partitioning of available memory based upon the number of stored parameters or the temporal resolution of the stored parameters (Column 25 lines 28 – 57).

Claims 26 – 28 are rejected by the computer implemented instructions executing the process disclosed by Splett et al., as rejected above.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kai Rajan whose telephone number is (571)272-3077. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Johnson can be reached on 571-272-4768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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